

REMARKS

It is believed that this Amendment clearly places this application in a condition for allowance based on subject matter the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Thus, if there is any minor issue that remains, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner immediately telephone the undersigned with a view to dealing with the issue and allowing this application.

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1, 3-12, 14-17, and 19-26. Claims 2, 13 and 18 have been canceled.

A new abstract with the changes suggested by the Examiner is submitted on a separate attached page. The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The objections to the claims have been dealt with herein.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 16 and 25 and for the indication of allowability of claims 2-4, 13-15, 18-19, 23 and 26. By amendment herein, the recitations of claim 2 have been included in claim 1. The recitations of claim 13 have been essentially included in independent claim 12. Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form. The recitations of claim 18 have been included in independent claim 17. It is thus submitted that all of the claims 19 are directed to patentable subject matter.

A check in the amount of \$450 to pay for a two-month extension of time is submitted herewith.

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Please charge deposit account no. 50-0510 in the amount of \$200 for one additional independent claim. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

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